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SUBJECT: STAFDEL, BRYEN/RICHARDSON

1. FOLLOWING VISITS TO KARAMURSEL, SINOP AND PIRINCLIK INSTALLATIONS, STAFFDELS RICHARDSON AND BRYEN, BEGAN ANKARA ROUND OF MEETINGS JULY 13 WITH TWO-HOUR SESSION WITH EMBASSY COUNTRY TEAM. THEREAFTER, AMBASSADOR ACCOMPANIED THEM ON CALLS BEGINNING WITH MFA SECGEN ELEKDAG (DIRGEN FOR INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS YAVUZALP WAS ALSO PRESENT), AND SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS CHAIRMAN KAMRAN INAN. AFTER LUCH HOSTED BY MFA DIRGEN YAVUZALP, THEY MET WITH FORMER PRIMIN ECEVIT AND THEN HAD LENGTHY SESSION WITH FONMIN CAGLAYANGIL. MORNING JULY 14, AFTER FURTHER MEETINGS WITHIN EMBASSY, STAFDEL MET WITH DEFENSE MINISTER MELEN AND DEPUTY PRIMIN ERBAKAN. IN ALL THESE MEETINGS, TURKISH OFFICIALS BASICALLY EMPHASIZED THEMES WITH WHICH DEPARTMENT IS FULLY FAMILIAR. TURKS SPOKE OF THEIR OWN FLEXIBILITY RE CYPRUS AND THE AEGEAN AND CONSTANTLY ALLEGED GREEK INTRANSIGENCE IN BOTH AREAS. ALL EMPHASIZED THE UNFAIRNESS AND COUNTERPRODUCTIVENESS OF CONGRESSIONAL EMBARGO

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AND OF THE NEED FOR THE US CONGRESS TO MOVE PROMPTLY TO

RATIFY THE NEW DEFENSE COOPERATION AGREEMENT (DCA). ALMOST ALL SPOKE OF SERIOUS RISKS INVOLVED IN ANY PROLONGED DELAY AND ALSO EMPHASIZED DISASTROUS CONSEQUENCES IF DCA IS REJECTED.

2. TURKS WERE UNYIELDING IN FACE OF STAFFDEL'S REPEATED EFFORTS TO GET TURK AGREEMENT TO RECIPROCAL GESTURES EITHER IN THE CYPRUS SITUATION OR WITH RESPECT TO PARTIAL OPENING OF OUR INSTALLATIONS IN RESPONSE TO CONGRESSIONAL ACTION OF LAST OCTOBER 2 AND/OR RESTORATIONS OF SIGNIFICANT CREDITS AUTHORIZED IN RECENT DUAL YEAR LEGISLATION. STAFFDEL ALSO SPOKE REPEATEDLY OF COUNTERPRODUCTIVE EFFECT OF APO CURTAILMENT. WHEN THIS WAS PURSUED WITH FONMIN CAGLAYANGIL, HE INDICATED A PERSONAL REKINDLING OF INTEREST IN THIS ISSUE AND PROMISED AGAIN TO LOOK INTO IT TO SEE IF SOMETHING COULD BE DONE.

3. STAFFDEL PERSISTENTLY BUT COURTEOUSLY PURSUED A WIDE SPECTRUM OF SPECIFIC QUESTIONS IN EFFORT TO GET AS BROAD AND DETAILED UNDERSTANDING AS POSSIBLE OF ALL IMPORTANT ASPECTS OF THE STRATEGIC AND POLITICAL SITUATION HERE. THEY WERE INTERESTED, TOO, IN LEARNING ALL THEY COULD RE EMBARGO RELATED CURRENT US MILITARY HOUSEKEEPING AND OTHER PROBLEMS. DESPITE DISCOURAGING RESPONSES THEY CONTINUED TO PROBE FOR POSSIBILITIES OF TURK FLEXIBILITY AND CONSTANTLY EMPHASIZED VALUE OF THIS IN CONNECTION WITH US EFFORT TO RATIFY DCA. THEY PATIENTLY EXPLAINED COMPLEXITIES AND DIFFICULTIES OF CURRENT CONGRESSIONAL PICTURE BUT CONSISTENTLY REFUSED TO INDICATE WITH ANY CERTAINTY JUST WHEN CONGRESS WAS LIKELY TO TURN TO THE DCA. STAFFDEL POINTED OUT, HOWEVER, THAT CONGRESS HAD RECEIVED THE DCA ONLY A FEW DAYS EARLIER AND ALMOST IMMEDIATELY THEREAFTER STAFFDEL HAD BEEN DISPATCHED TO THE AREA ON A TRIP DIRECTLY RELATED TO PREPARATION FOR THE US RATIFICATION EFFORT.

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